The Member also prayed for the following concessions with a view to facilitate the spread of education in the community :—

(1) *Night schools.*—All the children of his community could not afford to attend day schools. Night schools should be started for the use of boys above 12 years. Teachers in such schools should be selected as far as possible from the Pulayas. There were members of his community who had studied up to the fourth class. They should be appointed as teachers.

(2) *Scholarships.*—At present, many of the scholarships were given to members of higher castes. The Pulayas stood sadly in need of such help. A Pulaya boy and a Pulaya girl from each of the taluks in Central Travancore should be granted scholarships from the Government.

(3) *Fees.*—Half-fee concession was not sufficient. The Pulaya pupils should be exempted from the payment of fees altogether.

(4) *Compulsory Education.*—It was stated that cent per cent of the school-going population was attending schools in six taluks. Possibly, Pulaya pupils were not included in the statistics. If education was made compulsory so far as the Pulayas were concerned, there would be many literates in the community ere long.

Dewan's reply.—If education was made compulsory, all the boys up to a certain age will necessarily have to be sent to school. If they were not so sent, the parents of the children will have to be punished. I doubt whether the Member realises these difficulties. In any case, it would not be advisable to enforce *compulsory* education in the case of the Pulayas at present. The other points mentioned will receive careful consideration.

128. Educational grievances of the Kaniyar community.

Mr. M. K. Padmanabha Kaniyar (Member, Nominated) said that sufficient encouragement was not given to the community by the Government for education and that the question was brought up by him at the last session of the Assembly. The Member thanked the Government for having ordered the Northern Range Inspector to hold an enquiry on the subject but he did not know what became of it.

The Member then made the following suggestions:—

(1) As the community was backward in English education, special concession should be given to the present students in English schools by recovering from them only half the prescribed fees.

(2) The students of the community should be granted admission to the Sanskrit College.

(3) A Sanskrit school should be established in Central Travancore for the use of the community, or, if that was not possible, the school started by them might be recognised and aided by the Government.

(4) The Ayurveda Patasala should be transferred from the present site and established in a healthier locality and better building. Increased scholarships should also be granted to students from the Kaniyar community.

Dewan's reply.—The question of throwing open the Sanskrit College to all classes is already under consideration. The building in which the College is now held has been taken up for a term of years and the period will expire only by the end of 1093. The transfer of the school to a place accessible to all people will receive early consideration. The other points are noted.

129. Grant of more scholarships to the pupils belonging to the depressed classes of the Christian community.

Mr. Abraham Isaac. (Member, Nominated) said that his community was also backward in point of education and prayed that more encouragement in that direction be given to them from the Goverment.

Free education was enjoyed by the rich and the poor alike, for studying up to Class IV in the Vernacular Schools. Considering the poverty of his community, the Member prayed that some additional concessions might be granted to them.

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